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1. HERewith FULL TEXT MURREY MARDER ARTICLE, THURSDAY, OCT. 10, WASHPOST, HEADLINED "KISSINGER-BREZHNEV TALKS COULD SET SUMMIT DATE."
2. PRESIDENT FORD INDICATED YESTERDAY THAT SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADER LEONID I. BREZHNEV LATE THIS MONTH IN MOSCOW WILL HELP DETERMINE IF THERE WILL BE AN EARLY FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING.
3. IN THE FIRST OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT A FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING THIS YEAR IS EVEN BEING CONSIDERED, MR. FORD SAID THAT "IF THERE IS A REASON FOR US TO MEET BEFORE" BREZHNEV'S FORMAL SUMMIT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN MID-1975, "I WILL CERTAINLY CONSIDER IT."
4. MR. FORD EXPRESSED EXTRAORDINARILY EFFUSIVE PRAISE AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHO RECENTLY HAS RECEIVED HEAVY CRITICISM IN CONGRESS.
5. WHEN KISSINGER GOES TO MOSCOW (OCT. 23-27), THE PRESI-

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DENT SAID, HE WILL CARRY "SPECIFIC GUIDELINES" FOR A NEW

U.S. POSITION ON THE "VERY IMPORTANT AND VERY CRITICAL AREA" OF NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL. AT THE LAST SUMMIT IN MOSCOW AT THE END OF JUNE, ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT NIXON,

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THE TWO SIDES FAILED TO PIERCE THE OPENING BARRIER ON A NEW ACCORD FOR CONTROLLING OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

6. FROM KISSINGER'S OFFICIAL PARTY, WHICH LEFT WASHINGTON EARLY YESTERDAY FOR A SEVEN-DAY MIDDLE EAST TRIP, NEWSMEN REPORTED CONFIRMATION THAT A FORD-BREZHNEV SUMMIT IN NOVEMBER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AS A POSSIBILITY AT THE END OF PRESIDENT FORD'S TRIP TO JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA.

7. IN CONTRAST TO THE ORIGINAL REPORT THAT THIS WOULD BE REGARDED AS A "GET-ACQUAINTED" MEETING FOR THE TWO LEADERS, AN OFFICIAL IN THE KISSINGER PARTY WAS QUOTED AS SAYING: "THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE MORE THAN A GET-ACQUAINTED SESSION -- A CHANCE FOR THEM TO TALK ABOUT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES."

8. THAT APPEARED TO DOVETAIL WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S MORE ELLIPTICAL REMARK THAT THERE HAS TO BE "A REASON" TO WARRANT AN EARLY MEETING WITH BREZHNEV.

9. THE SOVIET UNION IS KNOWN TO WANT A FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING SOON IF ONLY TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUED MOMENTUM FOR U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE POLICY.

10. SOVIET AMBASSADOR ANATOLIY F. DOBRYNIN CONFERRED AT THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITH MAJ. GEN. BRENT SCOWCROFT, DEPUTY TO KISSINGER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS.

11. PRESIDENT FORD ALSO ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT ON OCT. 21 HE WILL MEET WITH MEXICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA ON THE U.S.-MEXICAN BORDER IN THE "LONG TRADITION OF FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS." THIS WILL
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BE THE FIRST VENTURE BY PRESIDENT FORD ACROSS THE NATION'S BORDER WITH MEXICO, ALSO A TRADITION, FOR HE SAID, "WE PLAN TO VISIT BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER" IN THE NOGALES AREA.

12. TWICE YESTERDAY PRESIDENT FORD MADE SPECIAL SHOWINGS OF ESTEEM FOR KISSINGER, WHO HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO UNUSUAL PUBLIC CRITICISM PLUS CONTINUING SPECULATION THAT HE MAY

BE REPLACED OR HAVE HIS EXCEPTIONAL POWER CURTAILED.

13. JUST BEFORE 1 A.M. YESTERDAY, MR. FORD LED A DELEGATION OF CABINET OFFICERS TO ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE TO SEE KISSINGER OFF ON HIS NEW ROUND OF ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS FOR A MIDDLE EAST PEACE.

14. MR. FORD DESCRIBED KISSINGER'S TRIP AS "A VITALLY IMPORTANT MISSION," WHILE THE SECRETARY REPLIED, "THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME THAT ONE CAN GO ON THESE MISSIONS WITH AN AMERICA THAT IS AT PEACE WITH ITSELF."

15. THE PRESIDENT LEAPED TO KISSINGER'S DEFENSE IN HIS MID-AFTERNOON PRESS CONFERENCE, WHEN ASKED IF HE WAS "UPSET BY THE CRITICISM THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER IS RECEIVING FROM THE PRESS, THE PUBLIC AND CONGRESS..."

16. THIS REFERRED TO THE LATEST ATTACKS IN CONGRESS ON KISSINGER, PARTICULARLY OVER CHARGES THAT HE "TILTS TOWARD TURKEY" OVER TURKEY'S INVASION OF CYPRUS. PRESIDENT FORD USED EVEN MORE LAUDATORY LANGUAGE ABOUT KISSINGER YESTERDAY THAN HE DID ON SEPT. 18 AT THE UNITED NATIONS, WHEN HE SOUGHT TO DEMOLISH SPECULATION THAT KISSINGER MIGHT BE STRIPPED OF HIS "SECOND HAT" OF UNUSUAL POWER -- HIS POST AS PRESIDENTIAL NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER.

17. "I WOULD PUT IT THIS WAY," THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED YESTERDAY, "...I AM VERY FOND OF DR. KISSINGER ON A PERSONAL BASIS. I HAVE TREMENDOUS RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR THE SUPERB JOB HE HAS DONE SINCE HE HAS BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (COUNCIL) AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO AS SECRETARY OF STATE."

18. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT WHAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS DONE AND CONTINUES TO DO "FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, DESERVES WHATEVER GOOD AND APPROPRIATE THINGS I CAN SAY ABOUT HIM AND WHATEVER LITTLE EXTRA EFFORTS I CAN MAKE TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION..."

19. ASKED IF HE BELIEVES KISSINGER'S "EFFECTIVENESS IS BEING UNDERMINED BY THIS CRITICISM," THE PRESIDENT REPLIED, "I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS SO FAR." HE SAID THE UNITED STATES IS "MAKING HEADWAY" IN ALL AREAS THAT HE AND KISSINGER BELIEVE ARE IMPORTANT TO "BUILD A BROADER BASE FOR PEACE." (END TEXT) INGERSOLL

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